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Presidents Report

Thank you to everyone who joined the May Quarterly meeting, not quite as fancy as the normal Mudgee May meeting, but nevertheless interesting and informative. John's insights into a delegate's role reinforced the vital link between the association committee and clubs. The Electric Vehicle information sparked interesting conversations. A proactive, rather than reactive approach to the new technology coming will be positive (no pun intended).

The planned meeting with National Parks to discuss the next stage of the Garden of Stone Conservation area access management strategy will be on the 3rd of June, on-site. All options will be on the table, including restricted-access options; not the most preferred option, but some access is better than no access.

Craig has been busy with the Parks Advisor Committee, working through the possible implications of the new National Parks around Broken Hill. What looks okay on paper doesn't always translate to the ground they manage, and more than just user groups are affected.

The DTU DAF workshop is fast approaching. This is a great opportunity to

upskill club trainers in both technical and delivery skills. Most potential new members are looking for some sort of training as part of their membership, so it's a great opportunity to sell your club.

Nicole and I are once again privileged to join the Central Coast 4WD Club as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Wonderful location, and the fancy dress code and entertainment made it a very enjoyable experience.

Time is running out for clubs to register their members for the bowling evening on the 27th of June; the cut off is the 5th of June. Please inform your Trip Coordinators to get their skates on and let Elias know the number of participants. All the details are in the newsletter.

Cheers
Lee Dunstan
President



***** AFFILIATION RENEWAL IS COMING SOON!! *****

Ensure you check your inbox and/or 'junk' folders.

PLEASE READ THE INVOICE CAREFULLY TO CALCULATE YOUR CLUB'S FEE!!!

****Your club pays Affiliation Fee of \$19 PER MEMBER (includes 'Life' members) UP TO 120 members**

****Your club pays \$5 FOR EVERY MEMBER for the Insurance Component.**

A PAYMENT OF \$24 IS NOT YOUR CLUB'S RENEWAL FEE!!!

If you are unsure about the fee for your club, please email Treasurer and/or Office.

Cheers
Tony Ellery

Treasurer



Changes are coming

Shopify has updated security on www.4wdnow.com.au

Currently the members only section can only be accessed via a "club" profile. All members of a club use the same account to log in. This means that I manage 67 profiles. If a club ceases to be a member it's simply a matter of removing that profile and the website stays secure. It is for this reason we have the club profile system.

With the introduction of Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) the current system will cease to work affectively. This change means that when a member tries to log in to the club profile a code will be sent to the email address that they used (should be the secretary@myclub.com.au) and as the member will probably not have access they will be unable to enter the code when requested. This change is happening and we have no option as all websites have or are moving to this process for security.

To accommodate this new change, I have removed the security for some items that appear in the Members Only menu or moved items to other parts of the website allowing access to every one.

- sign up to volunteer at the Adventure Show.
- read the newsletter and previous issues.
- sign up for training courses to receive a link from our coordinator
- attend a meeting request form

Items that must stay secure

- previous minutes
- financial documents
- sign up for a Club stand at the Adventure Show
- Insurance documents
- discount code for Club 4x4 insurance

- Booking forms for The Glen and Mt Vincent Camping areas.
- RCGP reports
- Update your club details form

To help clubs manage this change they can each have three club profiles for committee use. President, Delegate and Secretary. These emails must be in a format that I can recognise ie president@yourclub.com.au so I can maintain the integrity of the list.

I have created a form [HERE](#) so you can submit your extra emails for club profiles. This form is currently open but will be secured in the next few weeks so please get this done ASAP.

2FA is a good thing for our <https://benefits.4wdnow.com/> website as this works on personal profiles to purchase tickets etc. This new system will protect your account and credit card details better. Nothing will change on that website. If you have questions please call for support.

0493 321 577
Maggie Thomas



Drop dead date to book for Adventure Show Club Stands for 2026.

Friday 17th July.

Booking Form [HERE](#)

If your club can't access the form in the members only section please email adventureshow@4wdnow.com.au

Watch newsletter for upcoming meeting dates.



Some useful tips for using Zoom

We have found Zoom to be really helpful at meetings and have found these kinds of things arise. For those that attend Zoom meetings it would be beneficial to learn these few tips.

These options can be found at the bottom of your screen. If you can't see them move your mouse or touch your screen

Please add your Name & Club

Click on Participants,

Hover over the top one (me) click on the 3 dots on the right,

Click on Rename, enter your Name (first and last) & club name. (EG: Anthony Timmins, Bungaribee)

When you want to talk raise your hand by clicking the button

Click on Reactions, click on the hand symbol/raise hand when you want to talk and wait for the person presenting the subject to acknowledge you before talking.

Voting

Click on Reactions, click the reaction you want,

Green tick YES. Thumbs up YES.

Red X NO. Thumbs Down NO.

When voting finished click the reaction again to remove it if it is still displayed.

File sharing and downloading

Drop file directly into the zoom meeting chat. Participants can then download it from chat.

Click on chat, then click everyone

Please stay on mute until you wish to talk

To mute and unmute click on the microphone symbol bottom left, or

If you are on mute on a computer press and hold your space bar while talking to unmute, release when finished & your back on mute.

Subtitles

If you need subtitles click on more, click on Show Captions



DISCOVER THE WORLD'S LARGEST SAND ISLAND WITH 40% OFF...

K'gari (Fraser Island) is a destination every 4WD enthusiast should experience at least once.

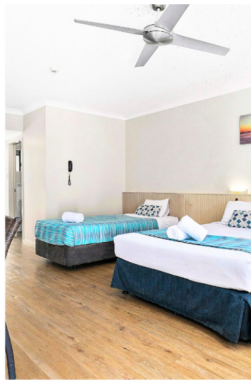
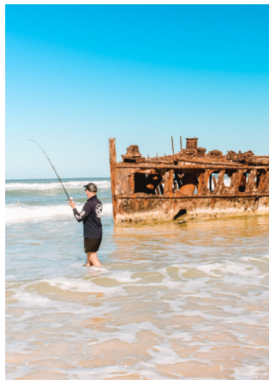
With endless beach drives, over 1200km of sand tracks, pristine freshwater lakes, towering dunes, and unforgettable coastal scenery, the world's largest sand island is the ultimate escape from the stress of everyday life.

K'gari Beach Resort is offering an incredible beachside getaway with their 'Beach Please!' package, designed for those who love adventure, fishing, fresh salty air, and exploring the outdoors.

Located on the iconic 75 Mile Beach, the resort provides the perfect base to discover the natural beauty of K'gari while enjoying comfortable accommodation right on the island's stunning east coast.

Bookings can be made here - ['Beach Please!' package](#) The deal will run between now and the 31st of August, for travel up until 20th of December 2026.

Beach Please! Packages start from \$538* for two people.



2026 ON ALL 4'S CHALLENGE

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**DEFENDERFEST 2026 -
POSPONED TO 2027**

Please be advised that our Defender Fest event has been moved to a new home, and the new dates are from the 15th to the 19th of April 2027.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce the dates for Defender Fest 2027!

PRESENTED BY [British Off Road](#)

HOSTED BY [Kenilworth Homestead](#)

Defender Fest - coordinated by the Defenders of Australia Club Inc - will be held at its new home, Kenilworth Homestead, Qld, on the third weekend after Easter year on year

In 2027, we invite our Members and the extended Land Rover community to roll in on the 15th after 10 am, and roll out on the 19th of April!

Weekend tickets will go on sale from Sunday, the 2nd of August, for Club members, and then open to the extended community on the 2nd of September. So join the club now to secure your weekend tickets early! at www.defendersofaustralia.club

Weekend tickets will be all-inclusive for 4 nights of camping and all the great things happening across the weekend. There are limited weekend tickets; once these have been exhausted, camping for one or two nights may become available. We will keep you informed.

Whilst this event is an unashamedly focused celebration of the Land Rover Defender and its community, we would like to invite all our Land Rover community to join us for a great weekend.

Day tickets will be available at the gate for each day, and an itinerary will be made public so you can choose the one that best suits you.



THE BUSH WINCH

The Bush Winch is a portable, lightweight vehicle self-recovery system developed, tested and proven in real-world conditions by users across Australia and internationally over more than 20 years — in terrain ranging from outback sand and mud to snow, ice, and remote mountain tracks. It is a genuine alternative to a conventional electric winch — in many respects a more capable and cost-effective solution.

Unlike conventional winches, it can recover your vehicle both forwards and backwards. It attaches directly to your wheel rims and uses your own motor power to pull your vehicle to safety — operated entirely from the driver's seat. It requires no bull bar, no wiring, no electrical system, and no vehicle modifications. It is lightweight, portable, and interchangeable between vehicles, safe and intuitive to use. A diff lock is not required. The winches can also be shared between members with compatible vehicle wheel rims and lug patterns — making it practical for a club to maintain a small selection of winches as shared club assets.

Because it draws directly from the vehicle's own motor rather than an electric winch motor, it delivers considerably more pulling power than a conventional electric winch. At a fraction of the cost of a bull bar and electric winch combination, it puts serious recovery capability within reach of every member — whether they're a seasoned 4WD enthusiast or a first-time remote traveller. For members who already run an electric winch, it extends their capability into scenarios a conventional winch simply cannot cover.

It works across the full range of modern vehicles:

- **4WD and AWD** — the traditional market, proven across the harshest conditions worldwide
- **2WD** — cars, utes, and vans that have no conventional winch options available
- **Electric vehicles** — because the Bush Winch is powered directly by the vehicle's wheels, it doesn't discriminate.

Full details and demonstration videos are at www.bushwinch.com.

THE BWA ANCHOR RANGE

Experienced off-road travellers know that finding a suitable anchor point is often harder to achieve than the winching action itself. A winch is only as useful as what you can attach it to — and in remote Australian conditions, the right anchor point is rarely where you need it to be.

Bush Winches and Anchors has developed a complete range of anchors specifically designed to complement the Bush Winch system. All BWA anchors are supplied as twins — a double set to complement the double winch configuration, with one anchor for each side of the drive wheel.

The three anchor types cover every recovery scenario:

- **Ground Anchor** — designed for unconsolidated soil, mud, and sand conditions where no natural anchor points are available
- **Sand Anchor** — engineered for the most challenging soft conditions including sand dunes, beaches, and deep mud
- **Bridle Anchor** — allows naturally occurring objects such as trees and rocks to be used as anchor points even when they're not positioned in the direction you need to winch toward

BWA anchors can also be used by vehicles fitted with conventional electric winches — meaning any 4WD owner can significantly improve their existing recovery capability by adding the BWA anchor range to their kit, regardless of what winch system they currently use.

The BWA anchor range is fully shareable between all club members regardless of vehicle type, making anchors an excellent and practical addition to any club's collective kit.

THE OFFER FOR FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NSW & ACT

- **Club Member Discount** — 10% off all products storewide for any verified club member, via a unique discount code issued exclusively to each affiliated club. This offer is available for six months from the date of this letter.
- **Club Affiliate Commission** — Each affiliated club earns 5% of every sale made through their unique code, paid quarterly to the club's general fund for the duration of the offer period.

NEXT STEPS - If this is of interest, please reply by email to patrick@bushwinch.com.au or call 0417 816 809.



Looking for a Club Speaker for your next meeting?

Try Polaris, they are based at 2/12a Distribution Place, Seven Hills, NSW, 2147 so local to many Sydney clubs.

However, ensure you use "POLARISGPS" and not just Polaris. As it is a different company altogether. Family owned and will give a good discount.

Polarisgps.com.au

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I am pleased to advise the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, has adopted a plan of management for Yiraaldiya National Park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

The plan sets long term objectives for the management of this important park and outlines the actions to achieve these objectives.

The plan is available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/plans-of-management

Yours sincerely,



JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....



Christmas in July & 50th Anniversary

You are officially invited to the Clubs 50th Anniversary combined Christmas-in-July social weekend.

If there is enough interest, we will be having a 50th anniversary dinner at the Wallabadah Pub on the Friday 24th July.

Camping is available at our camp grounds with camp shelter and toilets. We're in a drought, so please bring enough water, warm weather camping gear etc.

Bring your swag/caravan/camper. RSVP for the Saturday night dinner is around the 15th July. Our usual 4wd Funkhana will be up and running early Sunday morning. More details in this newsletter and the next.

Read online : <https://archive.org/details/tam-4wd-newsletter-2026-05-may>



Looking for a venue for your next Club meeting?

West Sydney 4x4 have very generously offered their Lidcombe store for club meetings.

The store will hold up to 40 people and your club is welcome to set up a BBQ for your members in the car park.

Contact office@4wdnow.com.au if you are interested. Please do not contact the store directly.

If your club is small we can set you up with another club to do your meetings together so you can take advantage of this great offer.

Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?

You are welcome to use the Association account.

Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.

office@4wdnow.com

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4X4 ACCESSORIES

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email office@4wdnow.com.au

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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